

Dens Road Primary School and Nursery - Term 2 Newsletter

[Head Teacher Newsletter](#)

Dear Parent/Carer,

As Term 2 begins, I would like to thank you for your support so far this session. The school and nursery are very excited for the many celebrations and open events we have this term.

Best Wishes,

Mr Albayati



Health and Safety - Important Reminders

Playground Safety

To ensure the safety of all our pupils and families there should be no bikes and scooters used in the school and nursery grounds. Bikes and scooters can be stored in the bike shelter, however this is not locked and the school will not take responsibility for these items. If you wish to use the shelter I would recommend a padlock or chain.

Lining up

On our return for term 2, I would encourage parents of older children 'drop and go' when bringing your child to school in the morning to minimise the number of adults outside. This allows staff to ensure all our younger children can find their adult. There are still large numbers of parents in the playground and I would be grateful if you could stand back once your child is safely in the line or stand back when collecting your child at the end of the day.

If you need to chat with the class teacher, please do so via seesaw in the first instance or contact the school rather than in the lines. This can hold up classes going in with children waiting outside. It is a busy area and too many adults around makes it more challenging to get lines in as quickly as possible.

Drop off and Pick Up

Please note that parents are not to enter the staff car park when arriving at school or nursery to drop off or pick up your child/children. This area is for Dundee City Council employees and visitors only.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted in school and nursery grounds at anytime.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in any council grounds.

Mobile Phones

If you allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school it should be handed over to the class teacher for safe keeping until the end of the school day. Mobile phones must not be used in school. The school cannot be responsible for the loss or theft of any mobile device.

Handwashing

We will continue to emphasise the importance of handwashing for good hygiene to reduce the spread of common colds/viruses.

Thank you for your continued support with all of the above.

Attendance - Every Day at Dens Road Matters

Attendance is crucial for your child's educational and social progress. The attendance and lateness of every child is monitored by Denise and Mr Albayati on a monthly basis. If your child's attendance drops to a level of concern, you may receive a letter or invite in to the school or to discuss this.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance for any reason, please contact Denise or Mr Albayati to see if there is any way the school or nursery can support.

Every day in Dens Road Matters.

%	School days missed	Possible outlook for your child
100% Excellent	0 days	Gives your child the best chance to succeed and progress with their learning.
95% Good	9 days (1 week and 4 days)	
90% Below Average	19 days (4 weeks and 4 days)	Starts to become harder for your child to progress.
85% Unsatisfactory	27 days (5 weeks and 3 days)	SERIOUS CONCERNS Harder to make and maintain friendships. Becomes difficult to catch up with work. A child with below 85% attendance can be referred to the Attendance Review Group.
80% Unsatisfactory	36 days (7 weeks and 3 days) *HALF A TERM MISSED*	
70% Unacceptable	57 days (11 weeks and 2 days) *1 WHOLE TERM MISSED*	VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS Extremely difficult to catch up with work. Gaps in learning increase. Increased risk of social isolation. Child unlikely to have a positive view of education. Extremely likely to impact on confidence, self-esteem, and mental health. Risk of legal action/ referral to Children's Reporter.

School Improvement Priorities

SCHOOL VERSION SIP Priority 1 (Implementation Phase)	
Specific area for improvement	<i>Development of consistent, inclusive practice across the whole school leading to improvements in pupils accessing their learning.</i> <i>Development of learning environments across the school which allow learners to achieve in a safe and inclusive learning environment, with resources which meets their needs, leading to a strong universal provision.</i>
SCHOOL VERSION SIP Priority 2	
Specific area for improvement	<i>Create a shared standard for high quality learning, teaching and assessment.</i>
SCHOOL VERSION SIP Priority 3	
Specific area for improvement	<i>Develop our approaches to supporting positive pupil attendance in Dens Road PS</i>

If you wish to find out any more about our School Improvement Priorities this session please get in touch.

Community Partnership - Rotary Dundee

On Tuesday 21 October, the allocation of Claverhouse Rotary Club's Dundee Primary Schools Hardship Fund took place, kindly hosted by Rosebank and Our Lady's Primary Schools.

At this event, the Claverhouse Rotary Club very kindly made a donation of £2000 to Dens Road Primary School to help support our learners.

We would like to thank the Rotary club for their continued support of Dens Road.



Daniel Albayati, Head Teacher, Dens Road Primary School, is presented with a cheque by President Andrew Child

Eco Group Supporting our Community

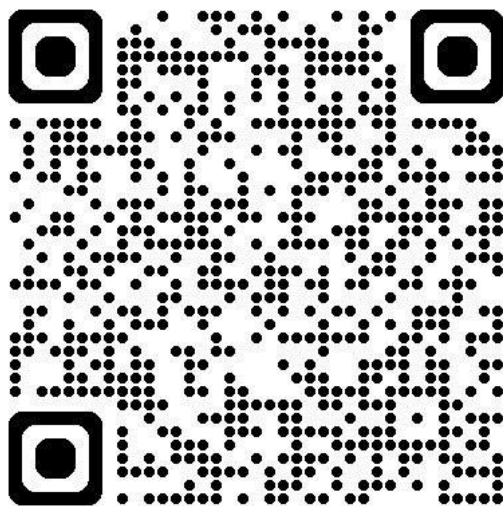
On Fri 24 October 2004 at 10am, over 60 young Eco Warriors and staff from Primary School Eco Groups picked litter to mark United Nations Day. The Primary School Eco groups from Clepington, Dens Road, Glebelands, Our Lady's, and Rosebank,. They were joined by members of Dundee Nablus, Orléans and Würzburg Twinning Associations. This will assist the regeneration of the Rose Garden which was established in 1991 to celebrate to 800th anniversary of Dundee as a city. The rose garden is located in Stobsmuir Park (next to Swannie Ponds)

Our Dens Road Eco Group will continue to work in partnership with our local schools to establish a community rose garden which we will look to upkeep for years to come.

Well done to our Eco group and watch this space!



Uniform



Thank you once again for the outstanding efforts with school uniform. All our children are looking extremely smart with a real Dens Road Primary School identity. We hold some uniform in school therefore please get in touch if we can be of any help with additional items.

It is extremely important that the children wear school uniform every day apart from PE days.

If you are struggling in sourcing uniform in any way, please contact our School and Family Development Worker, Denise. Her mobile phone number is - 07985874320

Cold Weather



As we are now in October and the weather is taking a turn for the worse, can I please ask that children come to School and Nursery wearing appropriate clothing which will keep them warm and dry.

If you require any assistance with coats or clothing, please contact our School and Family Development Worker, Denise.

Important Dates - Term 2

Please see below important dates to be aware of:

Term 2:

- Thursday 13th November 2025 - In service day, **school and nursery closed**
- Friday 14th November 2025 - In service day, **school and nursery closed**
- Friday 21st November - **Non Uniform Day (Chocolate donations to be brought to school for the Winterfest Tombola)**
- Thursday 4th December 5.30pm to 7.30pm - **Winterfest**
- Friday 5th December at 2.15pm - **Whole School Open Afternoon**
- Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am - **P1 and P2 Nativity**

- Wednesday 10th December at 2pm - **P3-P7 Winter Concert**
 - Thursday 11th December at 9.30am - **P3-P7 Winter Concert**
 - Thursday 11th December at 2pm - **P1 and P2 Nativity**
 - Friday 12th December - **Festive Jumper Day (non uniform)**
 - Thursday 18th December - **P4-P7 Christmas Party (1.15 pm onwards)**
 - Friday 19th December - **P1-P3 Christmas Party (1.15 pm onwards)**
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- Tuesday 23 December 2025 at **12.00pm** - **Term 2 ends. School and Nursery closes for Winter break.**

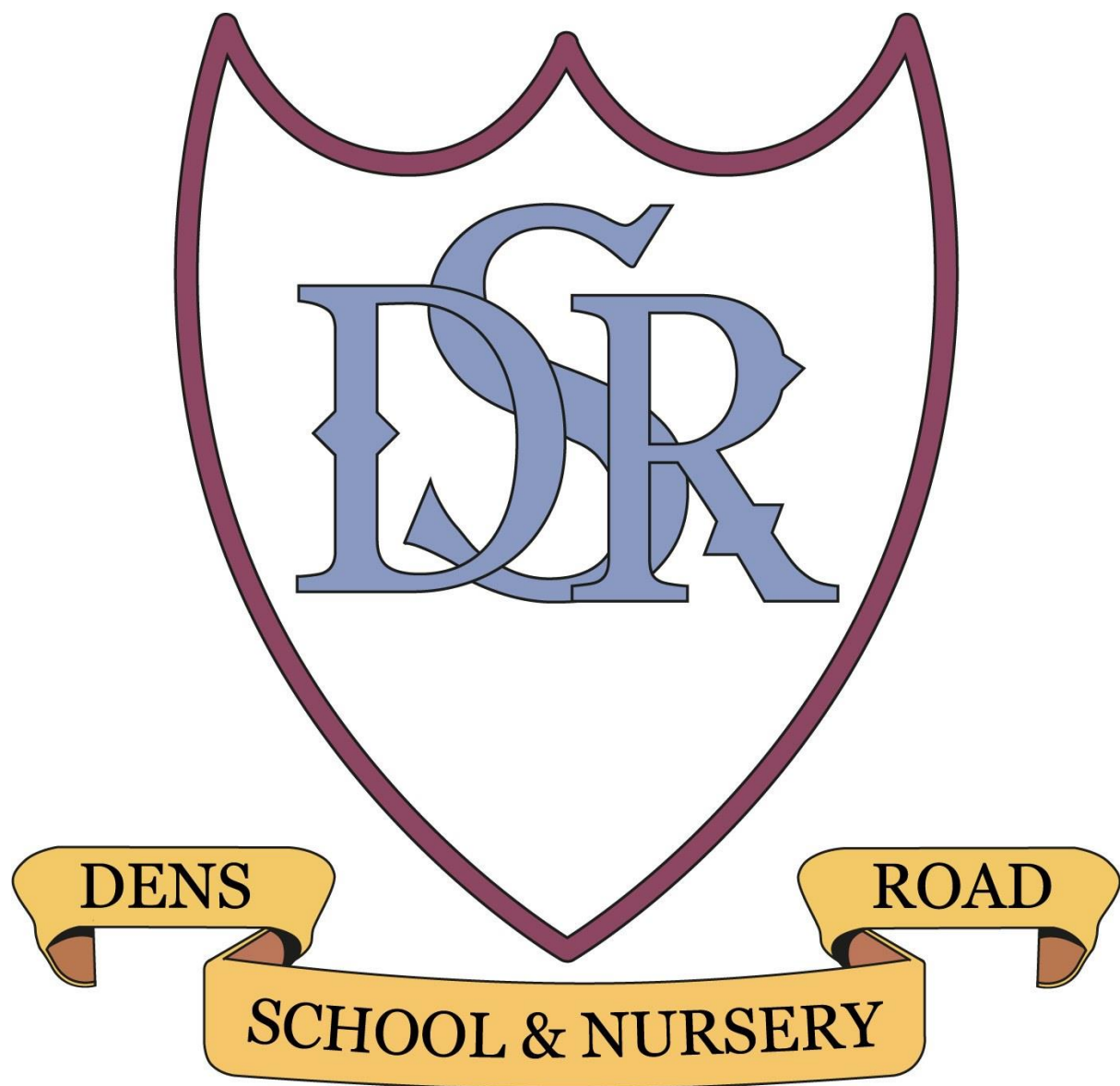
Term 3:

- Wednesday 7th January 2026 - All resume

Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th November at 9.15am - **All parents welcome**

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